

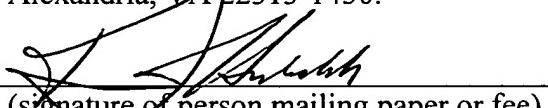


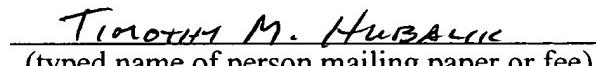
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED JULY 8, 2003

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 in the above application. Further examination of the application is respectfully requested after entry of the amendments proposed herein. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby makes petition for extension of time of two months for a response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 in the above-referenced application. A shortened statutory period of three months was set. In connection with this petition, please find payment in the amount of \$420 enclosed herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Please withdraw finality of rejection and continue examination of the above-referenced Application, as amended hereinbelow, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114. In connection with this request, please apply \$770.00 (as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)) from the enclosed check to pay the applicable fee. Fees for six (6) additional dependent claims are also believed payable. Please apply \$108 of the enclosed check for payment of additional claims. If any additional fee is deemed payable (or overpayment creditable) in respect of this communication, please charge or credit such a fee to Deposit Account No. 13-0019.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26.